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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/938,528
Filing Date	08/27/2001
First Named Inventor	Koji ARITA et al.
Group Art Unit	2813
Examiner Name	D. BLUM
Attorney Docket Number	740819-634

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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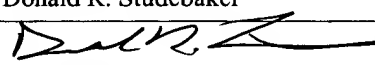
**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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## TRANSMITTAL FORM

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### ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

☒ Fee Transmittal Form

☒ Fee Attached

☒ Amendment / Reply

☒ After Final w/attachment

☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)

☒ Extension of Time Request

☒ Request for Continued Examination  
Transmittal

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☐ Certified Copy of Priority  
Document(s)

☐ Response to Missing Parts/  
Incomplete Application

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under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

☐ Assignment Papers  
(for an Application)

☐ Drawing(s)

☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney

☐ Licensing-related Papers

☐ Petition

☐ Petition to Convert to a Provisional  
Application

☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation  
Change of Correspondence Address

☐ Terminal Disclaimer

☐ Request for Refund

☐ CD, Number of CD(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ After Allowance Communication to Group

☐ Appeal Communication to Board of  
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(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)

☐ Proprietary Information

☐ Status Letter

☐ Application Data Sheet

☐ Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):

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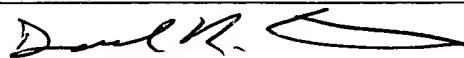
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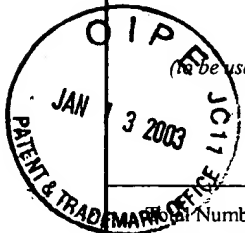
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ 560.00)

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0)

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Extra Claims Fee from below  
Total Claims  -20\*\* =  X  = 0  
Independent Claims  -3\*\* =  X  = 0  
Multiple Dependent  X  = 0

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION** (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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